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Warden Message
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Heavy Rainfall Expected for Sonora and Northern Sinaloa

This warden message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens residing and traveling in the Mexican states of Sonora and Sinaloa that the Mexican Weather Service <http://smn.cna.gob.mx/> has issued an alert regarding the possibility of intense wind and rainfall associated with tropical storm "Georgette." The storm is currently located over the Pacific Ocean near Los Cabos and is projected to pass over the Sea of Cortez and Sonora over the next two days. The storm should enter the Sea of Cortez early tomorrow morning and is expected to be centered near Guaymas, Sonora by early tomorrow afternoon. The Mexican Weather Service has predicted rain accumulation may reach ten inches for parts of Sonora and northern Sinaloa. This level of rainfall can cause flash floods in low areas and mudslides in the mountainous areas. Please listen to local media for updates on conditions in your area.

The U.S. Consulate General Hermosillo will continue to monitor the storm's track, and will issue updated messages as necessary. U.S. citizens are urged to avoid driving through bodies of standing or moving water, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions, including moving to shelters if local authorities recommend. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents at all time (i.e. U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations. A warden message on dealing with hurricanes and tropical storms can be found on our webpage: <http://hermosillo.usconsulate.gov>.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found in the "Hurricane Season-Know Before You Go" pamphlet

at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_pa_tw_2915.html and on the "Natural Disasters" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' website at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1207.html. Updated information on travel in Mexico may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Please continue to monitor the Consulate's website for updated information, <http://hermosillo.usconsulate.gov/>. For further information please consult the Country Specific Information Sheet for Mexico, available via the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Consulate General Hermosillo's Consular Section, located at Monterrey 141 Poniente, Col. Esqueda, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico; telephone 662 289 3500; after hours emergency telephone cell: 662 256 0741, Mazatlan duty cell: 669 918 0303; ACS unit fax 662 217 2571; e-mail is hermoacs@state.gov; web page <http://hermosillo.usconsulate.gov>.